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I use Microsoft Software. I think they have reduced havoc in the industry by standardization and this is a real plus.

However, because they have won a victory over firms competing in the development of products, they now are threatening anyone using their software to be able to prove licensing requirements have been met. Frankly, I believe I am in compliance and I encourage others to be as well, but I am offended by the intimidating letters sent by Microsoft, probably the same tactics used against others.

I believe this is the same tactic they have used on other firms to quash innovation, force competitors to litigate into financial ruin, and has allowed them to usurp technology developed by others.

I can't imagine how many firms will be forced into litigation over licensing issues. How many of those will Microsoft put out of business?

I was previously in favor of the settlement, but now feel the public is having the opportunity to see Microsoft management for the 'government outside of Government' that it has become.

Microsoft should be reorganized to allow a competitive market at all levels including Operating Systems, Software design, and development of new technology.

Have a Great Day!
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